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namie instead of that of the organization to which it belonged?

WHAT EXCUSE can Rev. Brown give for failing to honor the checks of Emerald Fountain for fifteen dollars for sick dues, when the fountain in question was benefitted and had about eighty dollars to its credit in the sick treasury in the True Reformers' Bank?

If the Grand Fountain paid fifty thousand dollars for property that belonged to itself, and this amount was ten thousand dollars more than the seller charged, what is to be thought of the Grand Fountain? What is to be thought of Rev. W. W. Brown, who controlled the Grand Fountain?

Rev. W. W. Brown says that he saved the Grand Fountain thirty thousand dollars by not charging interest on the fifty thousand dollar grab. He forgets all about the fact that the Grand Fountain might have saved fifty thousand dollars of the principal by not buying what it already owned.

Rev. W. W. Brown says that he has made (\$1,800,000) one million eight hundred thousand dollars for the Order. May we enquire what has become of this amount? Mr. R. T. H. reports that only about twenty-five thousand dollars in cash in the treasury. Where's the other one million, seven hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, Brother Brown?

The law requiring the delivery to medical colleges the bodies of all executed murderers, convicts, paupers, etc., should be repealed. The custom is barbarous and is akin to the practices of the Dark Ages when human heads were displayed in the open streets and lifeless bodies utilized as burning torches to light the way.

This iniquitous law should be repealed. The Democratic Party has an opportunity to give the people of this state a fair election bill. It does it, more than one person will be surprised. The present law is a disgrace to our state. It legalizes fraud, sets a premium upon crime, and befools the very source from which should flow purity and justice.

Judge GEORGE C. ORGIN of the Lunenburg County Court did himself no credit and his section a great deal of harm when he fined City Sergeant CHARLES H. EPES, \$25.00 for obeying Judge B. R. WELLFORD of the Circuit Court, whom he is sworn to obey in the absence of an order from the higher court commanding him to do otherwise. His Honor, Judge ORGIN was wrong and has made himself ridiculous before the legal luminaries of this country.

The Freedmen's Savings Bank should be an issue before the Republican House of Representatives. Colored people throughout this country are suffering for the need of their hard earnings.

Can a Republican Congress fail to do its duty in this matter? The question should be agitated and steps taken to reimburse a class of people who have been loyal to the sections in which they live, and not untrue to the government of which they form a part.

When the Supreme Court reflected so crucially upon Governor O'FERRALL, he declined to send troops to accompany the Lunenburg prisoners unless they were called for by the sheriff of Lunenburg Co. This that official refused to do and the responsibility for the safety of the prisoners rested squarely upon the Supreme Court.

It would have been the first time that that august tribunal could be charged with murder. It was quick to see the unenviable position in which it had placed itself, and true to its Virginia sense of justice enlarged the writ of error and thereby snatched from death three cringing, trembling human beings. The end is not yet.

"But why may not the pure-blooded Negro be allowed the right to choose the term by which he wishes to be designated?" — Extract from True Reformer's "Blanket" of Nov. 23.

If that is not drawing the color-line, what is it? Rev. W. W. Brown and "General" JOHN H. SMITH, pride themselves with being pure blooded blacks, and accordingly all of the brown-skin, the yellow, the mulatto people of our race are at a discount. This is not the first time that "Gen." JOHN H. SMITH has done this. Can the colored man afford to draw the color-line among his own race of people? Is not the one who does this the most dangerous enemy our race has to encounter?

SOUTH CAROLINA'S unconstitutional "Constitutional" Convention had another spasm of virtue last Saturday, 23rd instant, and changed the lynching statute so as to permit the family of the persons lynched to recover (\$2,000) two thousand dollars from the county in which the lynching occurred. This is an advanced step, and we have no doubt if the provision is carried out in good faith that it will materially increase the financial condition of our people in that state.

We trust that other southern states and northern ones too, for that matter will engrave upon their statute books just such provisions on lynching as have obtained in the bloody, Godless state of South Carolina.

ANOTHER LYING.

We have steadily contended that the lynching of colored men would lead to the lynching of white ones. Lawlessness cannot be confined within any designated limits and the perpetrators of it may finally become its victims.

L. W. PERDUE, white, a teacher, and a graduate of Yale College was charged with having lured a white woman, named MATTIE GRADY. He had been indicted by the grand jury and was awaiting trial. Although he had been regarded as highly respectable, the fury of the lynchers was so great that

they decided to take the law in their own hand and summarily execute to him.

He was taken from the jail at Vernon, Montgomery County, Ga., on Saturday, November 23rd, his throat cut from ear to ear and his body riddled with bullets.

PERDUE was 51 years of age and had a wife, two sons and two daughters. We are as much opposed to the lynching of white men as we are to the lynching of colored ones. The law should take its course and every one allowed a fair and impartial trial in accordance with the guarantees of the constitution.

We have been somewhat puzzled to know whether or not PERDUE was a northern white man or a southern white one.

When this information is forthcoming, we may be able to understand why this exception was made and the victim put on the level which had been assigned to colored people. Lynch-law must go!

THE OPINION OF THE SUPREME COURT.

We do not propose to express our opinion of the document handed down by the Supreme Court, denying the writ of mandamus applied for by Sheriff M. C. CARDOZA to compel Sergeant CHAS. H. EPES to turn over to him the Lunenburg prisoners further than to say that the object of all law is first the preservation of human life. When it becomes the instrument for the perpetration of murder it is a failure, and no man, official or organization is bound to obey.

There were considerations and conditions with which this august tribunal did not deal, until the question was presented to it as it had been shown to the Governor of Virginia and the Judge of the Circuit Court of Richmond.

When that was done, he it said to the credit of the Supreme Court of Virginia, it acted in the same manner as had the two individuals it had criticized, and abundantly justified and supported them in their contention.

Had it acted otherwise, the innocent blood of MANY ABERNATHY and POKEY BARKS would have been upon the hitherto spotless ermine of that tribunal and CHARLES T. O'FERRALL would have been even more highly justified in his conclusions.

All honor to our Supreme Court of Appeals! It may be well to add that the Chief Executive of this state saved the Old Commonwealth from lasting disgrace for the lives of the prisoners depended upon the result of his action.

No less positive was the action of that grand old jurist, Judge B. R. WELLFORD, who with the instincts and characteristics of a true Virginian sent out the life-boat of his court and kept the drowning prisoners afloat until the Supreme Court of Virginia could have all of the facts in the case laid before it.

Lynch-law must go!

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